This workshop presents multi-disciplinary projects and research on archaeological heritage from Egypt, Israel, Turkey, and Iraq. Topics examined include regional trends in conservation, balancing preservation and access, site management, treatments of challenging materials, and collaborations with local conservation and archaeological communities. A moderated discussion between the presentations will engage the contributors as well as the audience. Come, participate, and foster collaboration and promote information sharing among conservators and archaeologists working in the Near East.

4:20 Introduction

4:30 Site Work: Presentations and Discussion

Luxor Temple Fragment Conservation Project
Hiroko Kariya (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago)

Getting What You Came For: Conservation and Research at Tel Kedesh, Israel
Suzanne Davis (Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan)

5:15 Case Studies: Presentations and Discussion

Conservation of the Royal Wooden Furniture from Gordion
Krysia Spirydowicz (Queen’s University)

Conservation of the Nimrud Ivories in Iraq
Catherine P. Foster (U.S. Department of State), Terry Drayman-Weisser (The Walters Art Museum), and Jessica S. Johnson (Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities)

6:00 Training: Presentation and Discussion

Building a Sustainable Conservation Community in Iraq
Vicki Cassman (University of Delaware) and Jessica S. Johnson (Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities)